

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 Claim 1 (original): An alcove whirlpool seat for use in a spa system, said
2 alcove whirlpool seat comprising:

- 3 (a) a seat member having a circumference;
- 4 (b) a seat back having arm portions on opposite sides of said seat
5 back, said seat back extending annularly upward from a portion of
6 said circumference of said seat member, said seat back and at
7 least part of said arm portions substantially defining a whirlpool
8 area;
- 9 (c) said arm portions defining an open span;
- 10 (d) at least one jet nozzle positioned to direct a stream within said
11 whirlpool area; and
- 12 (e) said at least one jet nozzle, said seat back, and said arm portions
13 together creating a whirlpool within said whirlpool area.

1 Claim 2 (currently amended): The alcove whirlpool seat of claim 1,
2 wherein said alcove whirlpool seat is a horseshoe seat, said horseshoe seat further
3 comprising:

- 4 (a) a first arm portion having an interior first arm surface ~~and a first arm~~
5 face; and

(b) a second arm portion having an interior second arm surface and a second arm face, said second arm portion being substantially a mirror image to said first arm portion.

Claim 3 (original): The alcove whirlpool seat of claim 2, said horseshoe seat further comprising said at least one jet nozzle positioned in said interior first arm surface to direct said stream toward said seat back and at least one jet nozzle positioned in said interior second arm surface to direct said stream across said open span and toward said interior first arm surface.

Claim 4 (original): The alcove whirlpool seat of claim 2, at least one jet nozzle directing said stream around said seat back and at least one jet nozzle directing said stream across said open span.

Claim 5 (original): An alcove whirlpool seat spa system, said spa system comprising:

- (a) a spa system having an interior spa area;
- (b) at least one alcove whirlpool seat within said interior spa area, each at least one alcove whirlpool seat comprising:
 - (i) a seat member having a circumference;
 - (ii) a seat back having arm portions on opposite sides of said seat back, said seat back extending annularly upward from a portion of said circumference of said seat member, said seat back and at least part of said arm portions substantially defining a whirlpool area;
 - (iii) said arm portions defining an open span;
 - (iii) at least one jet nozzle positioned to direct a stream within said whirlpool area to create a whirlpool flow; and

(iv) said at least one jet nozzle, said seat back, and said arm portions together creating a whirlpool within said whirlpool area;

(c) a spa water flow within said interior spa area and outside said whirlpool area; and

(d) said whirlpool flow within said whirlpool area is substantially separate from spa water flow.

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Claim 6 (currently amended): The alcove whirlpool seat of claim 5,

2 wherein said at least one alcove whirlpool seat is at least one horseshoe seat, each

3 said horseshoe seat further comprising:

4 (a) a first arm portion having an interior first arm surface and a first arm
5 face; and

6 (b) a second arm portion having an interior second arm surface and a
7 ~~second arm face~~, said second arm portion being substantially a
8 mirror image to said first arm portion.

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Claim 7 (original): The alcove whirlpool seat of claim 6, each said

2 horseshoe seat further comprising said at least one jet nozzle positioned in said interior
3 first arm surface to direct said stream toward said seat back and at least one jet nozzle
4 positioned in said interior second arm surface to direct said stream across said open
5 span and toward said interior first arm surface.

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Claim 8 (currently amended): The alcove whirlpool seat of claim 6 claim

2 7, at least one jet nozzle directing said stream around said seat back and at least one
3 jet nozzle directing said stream across said open span.

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1 Claim 9 (currently amended): The alcove whirlpool seat of claim 5,
2 wherein said at least one alcove whirlpool seat is a pair of cooperative horseshoe seats,
3 each said horseshoe seat further comprising:

4 (a) a first arm portion having an interior first arm surface ~~and a first arm~~
5 face; and
6 (b) a second arm portion having an interior second arm surface ~~and a~~
7 ~~second arm face~~, said second arm portion being substantially a
8 mirror image to said first arm portion.

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1 Claim 10 (currently amended): The alcove whirlpool seat of claim 9, each
2 said horseshoe seat further comprising said at least one jet nozzle positioned in said
3 first arm surface face.

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1 Claim 11 (currently amended): The alcove whirlpool seat of claim 9, at
2 least one jet nozzle directing said stream from a first arm portion of a first cooperative
3 horseshoe seat across a span and toward a second arm portion of a second
4 cooperative horseshoe seat, and at least one jet nozzle directing said stream from a first
5 arm portion of said second cooperative horseshoe seat across a span and toward a
6 second arm portion of said first cooperative horseshoe seat-seat.

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1 Claim 12 (new): The alcove whirlpool seat of claim 1, wherein said alcove
2 whirlpool seat is a horseshoe seat, said horseshoe seat further comprising:

3 (a) a first arm portion;
4 (b) a second arm portion;
5 (c) said second arm portion being substantially a mirror image to said
6 first arm portion.

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1 Claim 13 (new): The alcove whirlpool seat of claim 1, at least one jet
2 nozzle directing said stream around said seat back and at least one jet nozzle directing
3 said stream across said open span.

1 Claim 14 (new): The alcove whirlpool seat of claim 5, wherein said at
2 least one alcove whirlpool seat is at least one horseshoe seat, each said horseshoe
3 seat further comprising:

4 (a) a first arm portion;
5 (b) a second arm portion;
6 (c) said second arm portion being substantially a mirror image to said
7 first arm portion.

1 Claim 15 (new): The alcove whirlpool seat of claim 5, wherein said at
2 least one alcove whirlpool seat is a pair of cooperative horseshoe seats, each said
3 horseshoe seat further comprising:

4 (a) a first arm portion;
5 (b) a second arm portion;
6 (c) said second arm portion being substantially a mirror image to said
7 first arm portion.

1 Claim 16 (new): The alcove whirlpool seat of claim 5, at least one jet
2 nozzle directing said stream around said seat back and at least one jet nozzle directing
3 said stream across said open span.

1 Claim 17 (new): An alcove whirlpool seat for use in a spa system, said
2 alcove whirlpool seat comprising:
3 (a) a seat member having a circumference;

- (b) a seat back having arm portions on opposite sides of said seat back, said seat back extending annularly upward from a portion of said circumference of said seat member, said seat back and at least part of said arm portions substantially defining a whirlpool area;
- (c) said arm portions defining an open span;
- (d) at least one jet nozzle positioned to direct a stream within said whirlpool area; and
- (e) said at least one jet nozzle, said seat back, and said arm portions together creating a whirlpool of water rotating in a substantially circular or oval fashion within said whirlpool area.

Claim 18 (new): The alcove whirlpool seat of claim 17, wherein said at least one alcove whirlpool seat is a pair of cooperative horseshoe seats, each said horseshoe seat further comprising:

- (a) a first arm portion;
- (b) a second arm portion;
- (c) said second arm portion being substantially a mirror image to said first arm portion.

Claim 19 (new): The alcove whirlpool seat of claim 18, said horseshoe seat further comprising said at least one jet nozzle positioned in said interior first arm surface to direct said stream toward said seat back and at least one jet nozzle positioned in said interior second arm surface to direct said stream across said open span and toward said interior first arm surface.

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1 Claim 20 (new): The alcove whirlpool seat of claim 17, at least one jet
2 nozzle directing said stream around said seat back and at least one jet nozzle directing
3 said stream across said open span.

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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to FIG. 6. This sheet, which includes FIGS. 6 and 7, replace the original sheet including FIGS. 6 and 7. In FIG. 6, reference numerals 37a and 37b have been added to coordinate with the text added in the specification.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet.